BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF THE MINING AND

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL

RECLAMATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY

NO. M/047/013

ZIEGLER CHEMICAL AND MINERALS CORPORATION, UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 15, 16, 22, AND 30, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, SLBM, UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on October 20, 1987, to Ziegler Chemical and Minerals Corporation, to conduct surface mining operations in Sections 15, 16, 22, and 30, Township 9 South, Range 24 East, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah.

The name of the proposed mining operation is the Ziegler Chemical and Minerals Corporations Gilsonite Mines, and the person representing the company is Mr. Norman Haslem, Mine Superintendent, Star Route, Little Bonanza, Vernal, Utah 84078.

Ziegler Chemical and Minerals Corporation has fulfilled obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, UCA, 1953, as amended) with specific reference to Section 40-8-13 and will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 13.6 acres of private and leased land.

During Operations

The projected mine life is twenty years. The mined gilsonite is lifted to the surface and transported to a processing plant.

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Following Operations

- All equipment and extraneous debris will be removed from the mine sites.
- 2. All disturbed areas, including roads, pads, and benches will be stabilized and graded to conform with the natural surface.
- 3. Upon reclamation, available soil material will be spread over disturbed areas.
- 4. Standard agronomic practices will be used to prepare the seedbed for broadcast seeding. Disturbed areas will be seeded with native and introduced vegetative species.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for his or her complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place to be established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to show cause, if any, why this mine plan should not be approved.

DATED this 26th day of October 1987.

STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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